

MINUTES

UTAH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2006

Room 402 (formerly 428) – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building

CONVENED: 9:10 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:40 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Jan Gardner, Acting Board Secretary

Board Members Present:

M. Carol O'Meara, Chairperson
Noni Smith
Brenda K. Lyman
Bonnie P. Held

Board Members Absent:

Shari Bloom

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Read and approve the April 25, 2006 Minutes.

Ms. Held made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

APPOINTMENTS:

10:00 A.M.

Julie Folland, Probationary Interview

Ms. Folland met for her probationary interview.

Ms. O'Meara conducted the interview.

Ms. Taxin reviewed the reports with the Board.

The Board noted the reports from Ms. Folland and Dr. Matsumura document Ms. Folland is currently taking tramadol due to pain from stress fractures.

Ms. Folland explained the Dr. Robert P. Hansen and

Dr. Kyle Matsumura have recommended that her work schedule be decreased in hours to relieve the stress on her bones. Ms. Folland informed the Board that she will not be able to work and that her main goal is to get well. Ms. Folland requested a change in her Stipulation and Order to reduce the required work hours.

The Board noted Ms. Folland has submitted all required reports, has been consistent in her drug testing and kept the Division and Board notified of her health issues. The Board also noted that Ms. Folland has completed the CE requirement. Following discussion Ms. Smith made a motion to terminate probation. Ms. Lyman seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin explained the termination process to Ms. Folland.

10:45 A.M.

W. Scott Crider, Probationary Interview

Mr. Crider met for his probationary interview.

Ms. Smith conducted the interview.

The Board noted that all required reports have been submitted. Ms. Smith asked Mr. Crider to briefly explain his situation to the Board.

Mr. Crider briefly explained the issues that brought him before the Board. Mr. Crider informed the Board that he is currently not working at the school as it is summer vacation.

Ms. Taxin read the letters from his therapist. The letter dated July 18, 2006 stated that Mr. Crider has acknowledged boundaries appropriately and therapy has been completed and terminated. Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Crider to share his thoughts about his therapy.

Mr. Crider shared that he has learned how to be more of a listener in conversations, and to set boundaries before responding. Mr. Crider stated that he is no longer attending a support group and explained that it was not comfortable due to the facilitator being a co-worker. Also, he feels that he has dealt with his

boundary issues. Mr. Crider stated that meeting with the therapist, Dr. Jay Jeppson, was very helpful and has given him new insights and awareness.

Ms. Taxin asked the Board to address their concerns regarding termination of therapy.

Ms. Lyman made a motion that Mr. Crider has formally completed the therapy requirement. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crider discussed inappropriate comments that have been made in his work place.

Ms. Taxin recommended that Mr. Crider state he feels uncomfortable with inappropriate comments made by co-workers with his clients. Ms. Taxin also suggested that he make a note on the side of the clients file regarding an interruption of therapy to protect himself.

Ms. Held suggested he ask if the conversation could be continued at a later time.

Mr. Crider stated he is going to attend an ethics class on sexual harassment at the Community Nursing Resource Services.

Ms. Taxin stated that she was impressed that Mr. Crider has gained such insight from his therapy.

An appointment was made for Mr. Crider to meet again October 18, 2006.

Ms. Smith asked if Mr. Crider could start meeting yearly.

Ms. O'Meara recommended Mr. Crider meet in October and then discuss the possibility of meeting less frequently than quarterly.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board Chairperson

Ms. Lyman moved to have Ms. O'Meara continue as the chairperson. Ms. Held seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

Board Member Training

Ms. Taxin conducted the annual Board member training. She distributed information on the Open and Public Meeting Act, Structure of Licensing Board, specifically the Occupational Therapy Board consisting of 3 Occupational Therapy Licensees, one Occupational Therapy Assistant Licensee and one Public Member.

Ms. Taxin covered the requirements to close a meeting and to re-open the meeting.

Ms. Taxin stated that a quorum of the Board must be present to conduct Board business of motions.

Ms. Taxin reviewed the responsibilities and Division expectations of a Board member. Ms. Taxin stated that the number one responsibility is for the Board to protect the public. Ms. Taxin requested the Board to act fairly and effectively and not be too quick to judge. She stated that the Board should put their personal biases aside and should not come to a Board meet with personal agendas. She reminded Board members to be respectful of each other, the Division, any appointments and probationers. She requested the Board to be open to alternatives and be creative in each individual probationary circumstance.

Ms. Taxin requested Board members excuse themselves and leave the meeting if there is a personal conflict with a probationer.

She reminded the Board that Board business should not be discussed outside a Board meeting.

Ms. Taxin recommended Board members read and understand the Laws and Rules. She suggested they be professional and act with integrity, keep confidentialities and be good role models.

Occupational Therapy Title Protection

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

FYI

The Board noted the new Board Member Orientation will be held September 12, 2006, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NBCOT Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following NBCOT correspondence:

1. Information on the 12th Annual Conference, September 30, 2006. **The Board noted the information.**
2. The Report to the Professional Newsletter, Spring/Summer 2006. **No action taken.**

AOTA Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following AOTA correspondence:

1. The Model Occupational Therapy Practice Act. **No action taken.**
2. The State Affairs Group News. **No action taken.**

ACOTE Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following ACOTE correspondence:

1. The April 2006 ACOTE Actions. **No action taken.**
2. A Call for Comment on Draft OTD Standards. **No action taken.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

October 18, 2006

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

11:40 A.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing